

**Ocean City Shade Tree Committee
City Hall Council Chambers
861 Asbury Avenue
Ocean City, NJ 08226**

**Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023
9:00 A.M. Meeting**

Meeting Called to Order: 9:05 A.M.

Open Public Meetings Act Announcement: Adequate notice of this meeting has been given pursuant to Public Law 1975: Chapter 231

Roll Call:

Present: Joseph Clark, Mary Louise Hayes, Michael Lehman, Josh Linthicum, Donna Moore & Sandy Simpson

Absent: Marie Knight & Steve Longo (City Liaison)

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes from January 25th, 2022 were approved by the Committee.

Public Comment: none

Old Business: none

New Business:

- The Committee welcomed a new member in Donna Moore, who has been appointed for a four (4) year term. A newly updated membership list was distributed.
- The following property plans were submitted for compliance review & comments by the Committee:
 - 116 A&B Ocean Avenue - Approved - proposed addition of a fence with existing trees shown
 - 612 A&B Asbury Avenue - Approved - addition of a third floor on a mixed-use structure with existing trees shown
 - 114 A&B Ocean Avenue - Approved - new two-family construction with trees shown
- New Jersey Community Tree Recovery Program will provide 500 tree seedlings to Ocean City and other communities, and Committee members will be on hand to receive & distribute these to the public on April 19th from 10:00 AM. – 4:00 P.M.
- Planting site locations for Arbor Day ceremonies were discussed. Possible locations include garden plots in the Riviera section where pest damaged trees were recently removed.
- A discussion took place noting the efficacy of trees as noise screening barrier, and their potential to resolve certain zoning/code issues.

Meeting Adjournment: 10:43 A.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023 @ 9:00 A.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Minutes Submitted by Mike Lehman, Vice Chairman/Recording Secretary

(jml 3/21/23)